

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the present patent application. Claims 1-10 are allowed, claims 11, 12, and 16-18 stand rejected; and claims 13-15 stand objected to. By this amendment, claim 13 has been amended, and claims 11, 12, and 16-18 have been canceled. This application now includes claims 1-10 and 13-15.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-10 are allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 1-10.

The Examiner has objected to claims 13-15 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but has indicated that claims 13-15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

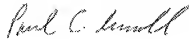
Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowability regarding claims 13-15. Applicant has amended claim 13, and accordingly believes claims 13-15 to be in condition for allowance. Applicant thus respectfully requests that the objection to claims 13-15 be withdrawn.

Applicant hereby cancels claims 11, 12, and 16-18 in order to expedite prosecution and to place the present application in condition for allowance. Applicant cancels claims 11, 12, and 16-18 without prejudice or disclaimer, and reserves the right to pursue claims 11, 12, and 16-18 in a continuing application.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance in its present form, and it is respectfully requested that the Examiner so find and issue a Notice of Allowance in due course.

In the event Applicant has overlooked the need for an extension of time, an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicant hereby conditionally petitions therefor and authorizes that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 20-0095, TAYLOR & AUST, P.C.

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